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FOLLOWING ARE BIODATA ON "NEW FACES" IN TANAKA CABINET (ALL MEMBERS OF LOWER HOUSE UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE):

1. MINISTER OF JUSTICE - SEIGO HAMANO, 76, SHIINA FACTION. VETERAN PARTY POLITICIAN WHO STARTED HIS POLITICAL CAREER IN THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY. SERVED ONCE BEFORE IN MINISTERIAL POST AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN FIRST TANAKA CABINET. A NATIVE OF TOCHIGI PREFECTURE, ELECTED 8 TIMES FROM TOKYO.

2. MINISTER OF EDUCATION - ASAO MIHARA, 65, MIZUTA FACTION. FIRST CABINET POST. SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS JDA PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER AND DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY. KNOWN FOR HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY HE SERVED AS BUREAUCRAT IN PREWAR MANCHURIA. ELECTED FOUR TIMES FROM FUKUOKA.

3. MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE - KENJI FUKUNAGA, 64, OHIRA FACTION, A BUSINESSMAN-TURNED-POLITICIAN WHO HAS HELD

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MANY KEY POSTS. SERVED AS CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY TWICE -- IN

YOSHIDA CABINET IN 1953 AND SATO CABINET IN 1966 - AND AS LABOR MINISTER UNDER PRIME MINISTER IKEDA IN 1961. A GOOD NEGOTIATOR, HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF LDP STEERING COMMITTEE FOUR TIMES. SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF TOKYO CONFERENCE OF INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION IN OCTOBER 1974. BORN IN SHIGA PREFECTURE, ELECTED 10 TIMES FROM SAITAMA PREFECTURE.

4. MINISTER OF TRANSPORT - AKIRA ETO, 67, A LEADER OF TANAKA FACTION IN UPPER HOUSE. FORMER JAPAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS EXECUTIVE. FIRST CABINET POST. SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY. A NATIVE OF YAMAGUCHI PREFECTURE, ELECTED 4 TIMES FROM NATIONAL CONSTITUENCY.

5. MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS - TOSHIO KASHIMA, 67, UPPER HOUSE MIZUTA FACTION. FIRST CABINET POST. SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY. A DENTIST BY PROFESSION, HE WAS FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR OF JAPAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION. A NATIVE OF TOKYO, ELECTED 3 TIMES FROM NATIONAL CONSTITUENCY.

6. MINISTER OF LABOR - TAKEO OKUBO, 70, OHIRA FACTION. DURING PAST YEAR, HE WAS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF LDP. FIRST CABINET POST. SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND OF TRANSPORT. ENTERED POLITICS AFTER HAVING RESIGNED AS FIRST DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MARITIME SAFETY AGENCY IN 1949. ELECTED 7 TIMES FROM KUMMOTO PREFECTURE.

7. MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION - TATSUO OZAWA, 57, TANAKA FACTION. FIRST CABINET POST. SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY. FORMER DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE IN HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRY. A CLOSE POLITICAL ASSOCIATE OF TANAKA, COMING FROM PRIME MINISTER'S HOME PREFECTURE OF NIIGATA AND HAVING SERVED UNDER TANAKA'S PRESIDENCY OF LDP AS DIRECTOR OF PARTY GENERAL AFFAIRS AND FINANCE BUREAUS. ELECTED 5 TIMES FROM NIIGATA CITY.

8. MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS/(ALSO DIRECTOR GENERAL, HOKKAIDO DEVELOPMENT AGENCY) - HAJIME FUKUDA, 72, FUNADA FACTION. SERVED ONCE BEFORE AS HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER IN FIRST TANAKA CABINET. UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO HELD POST AS MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY IN IKEDA CABINET IN 1962. FORMER LDP CHAIRMAN OF DIET POLICY COMMITTEE (LAST POST), BUDGET COMMITTEE, AND DIET STEERING COMMITTEE. A JOURNALIST BEFORE ENTERING POLITICS, HE WAS POLITICAL EDITOR OF DEFUNCT DOMEI NEWS SERVICE DURING WARTIME. RETURNED 9 TIMES FROM FUKUI PREFECTURE.

9. CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY - NOBORU TAKESHITA, 50 TANAKA

FACTION. WAS ALSO CHIEF CA INET SECRETARY IN SATO GOVERNMENT. HELD POSTS AS DEPUYH SECRETARY GENERAL OF LDP, DEPUTY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY, AND PARLIMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY. ELECTED 6 TIMES FROM SHIMANE PREFECTURE.

10. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DEFENSE AGENCY - SOSUKE UNO, 52, NAKASONE FACTION. FIRST CABINET POST. SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY. BET KNOWN AS A TAX EXPERT AND AN EXCEPTIONALLY ARTICULATE AND EFFECTIVE SPOKESMAN FOR LDP IN TV DEBATE. DOES HIS HOEWORK, AND HAS SPECIAL KNACK FOR EXPLAINING TECHNICAL PROBLEMS.A PROTEGE OF THE LATE ICHIRO KONO, LDP LEADER. ELECTED 5 TIMES FROM SHIGA PREFECTURE.

11. DIRECTOR GENRAL OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY - TADASHI KURANARI, 56, NAKASONE FACTION. FIRST CABINET POST. SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY. FORMER VICE CHAIRMAN OF LDP POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL. AN EXPERT ON AGRICULTURAL ADMINISTRATION. ELECTED 6 TIMES FROM NAGASAKI PREFECTURE.

12. DIRECTOR GENRAL, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (ALSO CHAIRMAN OF ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION) - TOKURO ADACHI, 64, TANAKA FACTION. FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY IN FIRST TANAKA CABINT. ALSO SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE. PREWR BUREAUCRAT IN MANCHURIA. THEREAFTER, HELD POTS IN AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS IN NATIVE SHIZUOKA PREFECTURE BEFORE ENTRING NATIONAL POLLITICS. RETURNED 8 TIMES.

13. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY - HYOSUKE NIWA, 63, MIKI FACTION. FIRST CABINET POST. AN EXPERT ON AGRICULTURAL POLICY, HE SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, AND ALSO AS
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DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF LDP. ELECTED 7 TIMES FROM AICHI PREFECTURE.
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